



St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2014



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Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am
12:15 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15 am, 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00 am, 8:15 am
Holy Days 7:00 am, 8:15 am, 7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday–Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sunday 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

Parish School

357-2530
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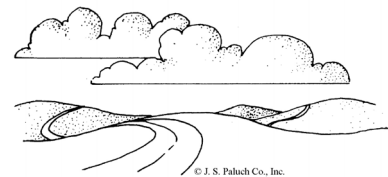
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2014

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— *Isaiah 55:7b*

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



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SEEK THE LORD

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost.

How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you . . . And on it goes.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of once-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains, and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia, or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb, and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

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HUMILITY

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small.

—Anonymous

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September 21st, 2014

Children's Liturgy of the Word

No Confirmation Meeting Today

Second Collection

This Week: Catholic Voice

FINANCIAL CORNER

September 14th, 2014

Our Weekly Goal \$ 11,700.00

Sunday Collection \$ 10,288.00

Amount needed to reach goal \$ 1,412.00

Thank you for your generosity

Stewardship Report

Stewardship of September 14th of \$514.40 went to the Archdiocese of Military Service.

This week's stewardship (9/21) will go to St. Vincent de Paul Catherine Center in San Mateo. Transitional place of safety and dignity for women to live upon leaving jail or prison.

Next week's stewardship (9/28) will go to Alzheimer's Research

***To all of those who RSVP'd for
September 25th***

This will be the first informational reception for "**Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together**" and will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday evening, September 25th in the Parish Hall.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
RSVP!**

If you have not had the chance to RSVP to attend one of our informational receptions we ask you to do so as soon as possible to help us prepare for the proper number of guests.

If you did *not* receive an invitation please call the office and leave your name and phone number at 347-1284. Thank you.

Future Reception Dates

October 1st at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

October 3rd at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall

October 9th at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall

October 9th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Events for the Week of September 22nd

Mon. 9/22	6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	AE Room
Tues. 9/23	3:30 pm	CCD Parent Faith Share	SMC
	5:00 pm	Catechist Meeting	SJC-DR
	7:00 pm	Spanish Ministry	SMC
Wed. 9/24	7:00 pm	Spanish Adult Choir	AE Room
	7:00 pm	RCIA	SMC
	7:30 pm	Spanish Ministry	Soc.Hall
Thurs 9/25	2:30 pm	Children's Choir	AE Room
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus	SMC
	7:30 pm	Spanish Ministry	AE Room
Fri. 9/26	7:00 pm	Span. Children's Choir	Soc. Hall
	7:30 pm	Viet Choir Practice	AE Room
Sat. 9/27	10:30 am	Anointing of the sick	Church
	7:00 pm	Vietnamese Cursillo	Soc. Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/22

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9 — 12:8;
Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]; Matthew 21:28-32



Pray the Rosary

7:30 am Church (Daily)

8:45 am S.J. Chapel
(Tuesday through Friday)

Over the past 2 weeks we have mailed out approximately 2400 invitations for the Capital Campaign Receptions. I would like to thank the 103 people who volunteered to help with the mailings. We had 41 persons who were able to assist over 3 days. We prepared and mailed the invitations. Without all of you the mailing would not have been success. Thank you all for your wonderful support.— *Capital Campaign Committee*



The Sick and the Homebound

Joe Zipp, Constance Pierce, Peggy Miller, Doris Babik, Michael & Lora Babik, JoAnne Salazar, Rosemary Buell, Wayne Hayward, Hilda Jones, Darryl Shields, James Bailliet, Reagan Nelson, Jonathan Loon, Mercedes Corral, Lisa Dmoski, Jess Perry, Jolene Blas, Vivian Blas, Barbara Maloon, Baby Xavier, Rick Tarin, Berenice Angotti, Mary Valladon, Lucy Verdussi, Joseph Leo, Ricardo Santos, Connie Castellannos, George Pieraldi, Pat Taylor, Julie Chin, Vinh Ha, Robert Billmire, Peter & Sheryl Smith, Ed Fletcher, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Evelyn Platé, Emily Carson, Virgilio Legaspi, Antonio Perez, Stephen & Jean Bisbiglia, J.J. Moisa, Rachael Bongiorno, Bailey Gendreau, Lillian McElroy, Huong Pham, Hung Nguyen, Mariah "Mia" Lara, Jesús & Clara Leon, Geri Davy, Diana Nielsen, John Vargas, Samantha & Savvy Rien, Dolores Granahan, Leo & Dora Romero, Vicente & Luisita Aguillon, Jim Helt, Pearle Cezair, Mary Helen, Joseph Tran, Arlene Pershing, Maria Jesús Vargas, Lisa Tarin, Joey Medeiros, Bill Costa, Biddy Lydon, Belinda Hernandez, Ruben Reygoza.

**** If any person in this list passes away to eternity, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for the repose of his soul.**

LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

† Father Anthony
Who entered into eternal life
September 2014

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

When: Wednesday, September 24th, 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: St. Mary's Center at St. Felicitas

For anyone from 16 to 106 who is:

- ◆ Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith
- ◆ Would like to be Baptized Catholic or Confirmed
- ◆ A lapsed Catholic, or
- ◆ Anyone wanting a refresher.

Call the Parish Office at 510-351-5244



September 21st to 28th

Sun	9/21	7:30 am	Elizabeth & Jacob Figueroa (L)
		9:00 am	Peter & Maria Ngu Tran †
		10:30 am	Parishioners
		12:15 pm	Berta de Castillo †
Mon	9/22	7:00 am	Jose, Maria, Norberto Vargast
		8:15 am	John Clancey †
Tue	9/23	7:00 am	Pat Taylor (L)
		8:15 am	Lucy Laris †
Wed	9/24	7:00 am	Marie & Patrick Ryan †
		8:15 am	Pedro Guevarra †
Thu	9/25	7:00 am	Elaine Canepa †
		8:15 am	Joe Silva †
Fri	9/26	7:00 am	Sterley Bangloy (B)
		8:15 am	Patrick Diviney †
Sat	9/27	8:15 am	Sylvia de Brussel Asse †
		4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun	9/28	7:30 am	Matilda Guido †
		9:00 am	Emily Teo
		10:30 am	All Deceased Members of the Landela Family †
		12:15pm	Antonio & Margarita Arvizo †

A (Anniversary) B (Birthday) L (Living) (†) Deceased

The SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING CELEBRATION

The Church encourages all the faithful to receive the
Holy Sacrament of the Sick

When: Saturday, September 27th at 10:30 am

Where: St. Felicitas Church

The anointing is especially for the elderly and all who suffer from physical or emotional illness that they may receive physical and Spiritual healing from our merciful God.

For more information please call our Parish Office at 510-351-5244.

From our Principal
ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

Geri Lara
YOUTH MINISTRY

As we settle into the new school year I am pleased to share with you some statistics that we are very proud of. We welcomed to our school 31 new Kindergarteners. We also welcomed 18 new students to our school making our total student body 270 students. The Kindergartners started their full days of school this week and were quite the troopers. They were all actually excited and relieved about naptime in the afternoon. Many of the students put it to good use! They work hard throughout the whole day and need a rest!

I am very excited to announce that our Wireless project is finally complete and we now have the latest state of the art Cisco equipment in our school serving our students. We have over \$50,000 worth of Cisco communication equipment that was donated generously by my uncle who works for Cisco Systems. We will be updating our phone system as the next step. It is very exciting as we continue to head toward 21st century learning and production.

You are always in my prayers!

Abundant Blessings,
Mrs. Jorgensen

Mandatory Youth Mass
Sunday, September 28th, 2014
At 10:30 am

All confirmation candidates should arrive 10 minutes early.

Confirmation Classes

Year One Confirmation—Next Class
Sunday 9/28/14 at 6:00 pm—School Library

Year Two Confirmation—Next Class
Sunday 10/5/2014 at 6:30 pm—School Library

AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!
—Humbert Wolfe

All Volunteers

Safe Environment for Children Program

We have set up a training date for our parish to comply with the Safe Environment Project.

In 2008-2009, a 3-Year-Training cycle was instituted for the re-certification of all veteran employees and volunteers on diocesan sites. This must be completed by all employees and volunteers.

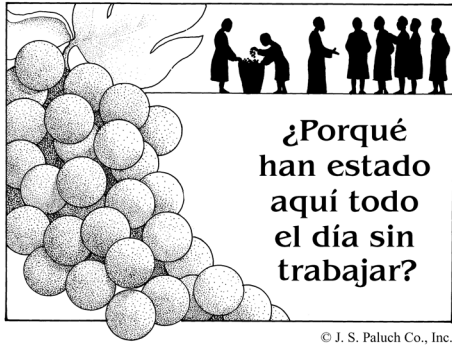
Safe Environment for Children training is needed for all: Catechists, Teachers, RCIA Teams, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Musicians, Ushers, Volunteers and anyone who has contact with children on parish property. St. Felicitas deadline to complete recertification is November 30th (Cycle III).

All volunteers need to be in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth.

Safe Environment Training

on October 21st

@ 7:00 p.m.



BUSCAR AL SEÑOR

En la primera lectura de hoy, Isaías nos insta a “buscar al Señor” que está “cerca” y puede “encontrarse” (Isaías 55:6). Entonces Isaías dice que los caminos de Dios se elevan por encima de nuestros caminos, “así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra” (Isaías 55:9). Buscamos, no porque Dios está escondido, sino porque nuestras tendencias son tan diferentes a los caminos de Dios que nos perdemos.

¿Cómo es que los caminos de Dios están por encima de nuestros caminos? El ejemplo que Isaías nos da es que el camino de Dios es ser “generoso en perdonar” (Isaías 55:7). ¿Y cómo es nuestro camino? Nosotros tratamos de ser “justos”. Tú me ofendes, entonces yo te ofendo también. Entonces, por supuesto, tú. . . Y así sucesivamente.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que Dios no es “justo” de esa manera. Al contrario, Dios es tan generoso que no podemos ni siquiera entenderlo. ¿Pagar el mismo salario por una hora que por todo un día? ¡No es justo! “Busca al Señor” y encontrarás a un Dios que me llama a ser, no justo, sino más generoso de lo que nos podemos imaginar.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1535 los frailes mercedarios construyeron la primera iglesia en Lima Perú dedicada a su patrona, Nuestra Señora de la Merced. Esta orden religiosa se remonta al siglo XIII, mientras algunos musulmanes tomaban prisioneros cristianos en España. Era su misión rescatar a los cautivos, incluso, hasta tomar su lugar si fuera necesario.

Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

